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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the acceptance of the donation from the Los Angeles Police Foundation to fund the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), Southeast Area's Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART) program.

Recommendation for Council action:

ACCEPT the donation of \$42,500 in funding, from the Los Angeles Police Foundation for the benefit of the LAPD, Southeast Area's DART program, and THANK the donor for this generous donation.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Board of Police Commissioners. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

In a report to the Board of Police Commissioners dated June 23, 2015, attached to the Council file, the LAPD recommends that the Board approve acceptance of the donation from the Los Angeles Police Foundation to fund the LAPD, Southeast Area's DART program. The LAPD reports that the DART program is a collaborative effort between police officers and volunteer advocates from the community who respond to the scene of domestic or family violence calls. The DART program provides early intervention to support victims, promote the victim's safety, and facilitate prosecution. This program will ultimately reduce the likelihood of future incidents, injury, or the escalation and severity of the abuse. The DART volunteers must complete a 10 week, 40 hour course. They are required to keep their certification current every year. The curriculum consists of laws pertaining to domestic violence, safety issues, restraining orders, and scenarios they might encounter in the field. Funds would be used for personnel costs including fringe benefits, supplies, training, and administrative costs. After further discussion of the matter, the Committee recommended that Council approve the acceptance of the donation from the Los Angeles Police Foundation to fund the LAPD, Southeast Area's DART program, as recommended by the Board of Police Commissioners, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ENGLANDER:	YES
BUSCAINO:	YES
BONIN:	YES

O'FARRELL: YES
MARTINEZ: ABSENT

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